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SUBJ: CHANGES IN TOP LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY

1. AS BACKGROUND RELEASE BSO TERRORISTS JUNE 24, WISH CALL ATTENTION NUMBER TOP LEVEL FONMINISTRY CHANGES ANNOUNCED EARLIER THAT DAY. ROVING AMBASSADOR JALLAL MOHAMMED AHMED NAMED MINISTR OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IS EXPECTED ACT AS ACTING MINISTER IN ABSENCES PERIPATETIC FONMIN KHALID. UNDER SECRETARY FADL OBEID, NAMED AMBASSADOR IN MINISTRY, REPORTEDLY WILL RETIRE AND THEN BE GIVEN AMBASSADORIAL ASSIGNMENT ABROAD. ONE FAISAL ABDEL RAHIM, NAMED AMBASSADOR IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, IS FORMER MOSLEM BROTHER WHO FIRED FROM KHARTOUM UNIVERSITY AND NOW BELIEVED TEACHING IN YEMAN. MAJGEN AHMED SHARIF AL-HABIB, GENIAL COMMISSIONER KHARTOUM PROVINCE, FORMERLY AMBASSADOR TO ITALY, NAMED AMBASSADOR IN FOREIGN MINISTRY IN WHAT IS EXPECTED BE SINECURE ROLE. HIS PLACE REPORTEDLY WILL BE TAKEN BY PRESENT DEP MIN SUPPLY MABARAK OSMAN RAHMA,
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RETIRC GENERAL. WHILE NOT YET ANNOUNCED, IT RELIABLY REPORTED

OBEID BEING REPLACED AS UNDER SECRETARY BY MOHAMMED MIRGHANI,
CURRENTLY SUDANESE AMBASSADOR CAIRO.

2. COMMENT. ANNOUNCED AND PROSPECTIVE CHANGES
BRING INTO TOP LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY TWO INDIVIDUALS (AHMED
AND MIRGHANI) LONG KNOWN AS CLDAE FONMIN KHALID. IN ADDITION,
CREATION MINISTER OF STATE WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR TOURING
FONMIN KHALID RETAIN FIRMER CONTROL THAN HERETOFORE. MINCULTURE
OMAR HAJ MUSA, WHO FORMERLY ACTED AS FONMIN, AFFORDED READY
ACCESS TO AMBASSADOR BUT DID NOT ALWAYS COORDINATE WITH FON
MINISTRY. IN SUM, RUMOR KHALID MAY HAVE OPPOSED RELEASE BSO
TERRORISTS SEEMS INCORRECT, SINCE HE CLEARLY CONSOLIDATING
HIS POSITION AT FONMINISTRY.
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